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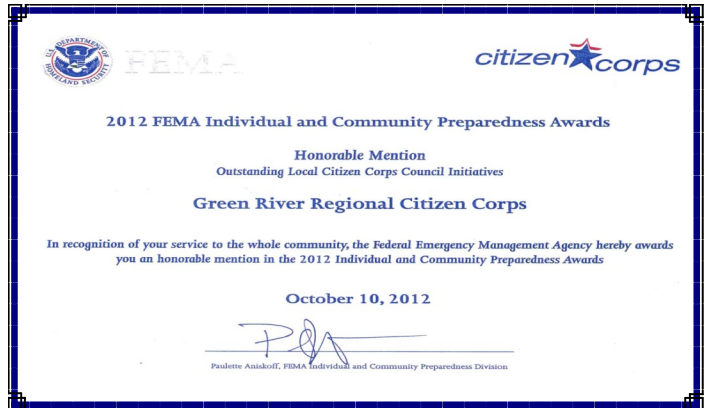
FEMA's Individual and Community Preparedness Division recently announced that the Green River Regional Citizen Corps council received an Honorable Mention for the 2012 FEMA Outstanding Local Citizen Corps Council Initiatives.

"We applaud the work of the Green River Regional Citizen Corps council in developing and promoting preparedness programs that benefit

their communities," said **Gene Kiser**, executive director of the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security.

Two initiatives that the Green River Regional council highlighted

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Louisville Exercise Involves First Responders, Intelligence Personnel

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An ecological terrorist with radiological sources is determined to build and detonate a dirty bomb at one or more critical infrastructures in Louisville. Who is this mystery man with the ball cap and white truck? Where will he strike? Is he acting alone? What are the sources and where are they being stored?

The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Domestic Nuclear Detection Office conducted a Preventive Radiological/Nuclear Detection exercise involving more than 100 first responders and intelligence personnel in Louisville.

The purpose of the Jan. 22-23 exercise, code named Operation RAD RUN, was to assess Kentucky's PRND Program's ability to investigate a known or suspected radiological and/or nuclear threat.

Day 1 included training for exercise evaluators and controllers, fol-

lowed by an intelligence-focused table top exercise at the Louisville FBI headquarters. The table top exercise focused on information and intelligence gathering, sharing, analysis, and dissemination among multiple local, state, and federal agencies. It also set the stage for a full-scale exercise on the second day.

"The (table top exercise) on infor-

mation sharing, allowed our office to validate the mechanisms already in place for sharing information among our law enforcement partners," said **Jen Blanchard**, FBI weapons of mass destruction coordinator. "It also helped us identify ways to enhance those mechanisms we already have in place and identify new points

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Be Prepared When Dangerous Weather Strikes

A year ago tornadoes swept across parts of Kentucky, killing 25 people, destroying 671 homes and causing major damage to 588 buildings. The brunt of damage occurred in Morgan and other eastern Kentucky counties.

"The destruction I witnessed in Morgan County last spring was

unlike anything I have ever seen," Gov. **Steve Beshear** said. "I can tell you that Kentucky's heart was broken by what our fellow citizens experienced."

As Kentucky enters another tornado season there are preparedness steps people can take



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such as being informed, building an emergency kit, make a family communications plan, and preparing a safe room for shelter, and getting involved

in preparing your community.

Visit www.ready.gov/tornadoes and www.homelandsecurity.ky.gov/community for more information about weather-related emergency preparedness.

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in their application were incorporating the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program into Hancock County's Health Occupational Students of America (HOSA) program, which allows high school juniors and seniors to earn college level credits toward a certified nurse assistant degree.

Four other counties within the Green River area have discussed implementing this cross training in high schools while demonstrating the versatility and flexibility of alternative delivery methods possible within the CERT curriculum structure.

Another successful initiative has been the Henderson Police Depart-

ment's Youth Citizen's Academy, an offshoot of their robust Citizen's Academy. The program is tailored toward junior high school-age students and is designed to provide information and some training that will enhance youth public safety awareness, emergency preparedness and general understanding of law enforcement missions and responsibilities in the community.

Several of the topics covered: gang participation, Internet safety, alcohol and drug abuse, 911 dispatch, and specialty-response units. As the program evolves, older students, who have demonstrated an interest in law enforcement related activities, will be included in the class.



State Sen. **Jimmy Higdon** (14th District) discusses the role and responsibilities of the Kentucky Intelligence Fusion Center with analyst **Jonathan Heaton** during his visit to the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security. Sen. Higdon is the new chair of the Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection Committee, which has oversight of KOHS.

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Contributing Agencies:

Kentucky Office of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Kentucky State Police Intelligence
FBI Louisville Division
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives
U.S. Secret Service
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Kentucky State Police Headquarters Communications
Lexington Division of Police
Kentucky Department of Corrections
Kentucky Army National Guard
U.S. Coast Guard
Kentucky Fire Commission

Conference Focuses on Emergency Services for Individuals with Disabilities

The 2013 Kentucky Inclusive Emergency Preparedness Conference brings together emergency management, public health, human services and disability stakeholders to discuss the latest issues in inclusive emergency management and response.

The two-day conference, held April 25-26 at the Crowne Plaza in Louisville, is hosted by the Commonwealth Council on Development Disabilities, Kentucky Division of Emergency Management, Kentucky Department of Public Health, Kentucky Self-Advocates for Freedom, enableUS and the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security.

The seminar will examine some of the greatest challenges in meeting the access and functional needs of the entire community in disasters and strategies to overcome these issues. Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with speakers and other participants to exchange information about what is working in communities throughout Kentucky and the nation.



Topics covered include sheltering issues, building community partnerships, emergency evacuations, and communications.

Speakers from national, state and local government agencies and organizations will focus on programs that have worked in their communities as well as continued shortfalls and challenges that they experienced.

Among the speakers:

- **Linda McAuliffe**, program administrator, Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities
- **David Allgood**, director of advocacy, Center for Accessible Living
- **Richard Payne**, director, Daviess County Office of Emergency Management
- **Andy Perlman**, executive director, EPIC Associates
- **Deborah Arnold**, Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board
- **Betty Shiels**, University of Louisville
- **Lanny Taulbee**, disabilities coordinator, Kentucky Commission for Community Volunteerism and Service

dinator, Kentucky Commission for Community Volunteerism and Service

- **Jody Dickhaut**, disaster response coordinator, 7th Day Adventist Disaster Service
- **Evelyn McCarty**, special programs coordinator, Daviess County Office of Emergency Management
- **Sherry Buresh**, director of disaster response, Kentucky Commission for Community Volunteerism and Service

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Conferences, Training, Etc.

March 10-13 — ROCIC Spring Conference—Narcotics: Fueling the Fires of Crime, Nashville, Tenn.

March 11-15 — Basic SWAT School, Evansville, Ind.

March 12 — Autism Recognition and Response Training for Law Enforcement and First Response Professionals, Lexington

March 18-20 — Tactical Tracking and Wooded Terrain Operations, Evansville

April 1-12 — Basic Police Motorcycle Operator Course, Evansville

April 8-10 — Women in Law Enforcement: Breaking the Glass Shield, Nashville



Information about these events and other activities for law enforcement is available to subscribers of the Homeland Security Information Network. To learn about HSIN, visit www.dhs.gov/HSIN or contact Lindsey Hix, KOHS Intelligence Analyst/HSIN Administrator, at Lindsey.Hix@ky.gov.

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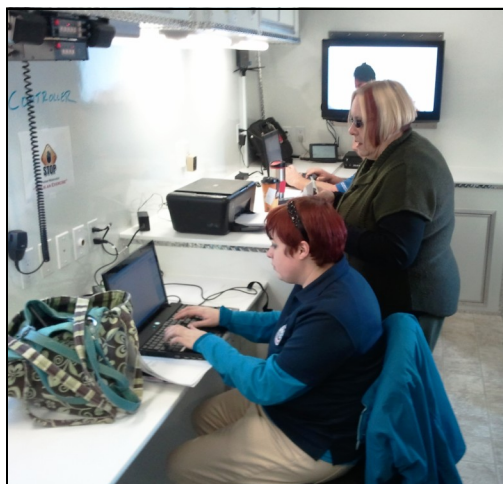
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of contact when specific information is needed.”

Intelligence analysts from the Kentucky Intelligence Fusion Center, U.S. Coast Guard, FBI, Louisville Metro Police, and Jefferson County Sheriff's Office took part in the exercise.

Day 2 of Operation RAD

RUN was a full-scale search, find, and identify exercise, with radioactive sources placed in multiple locations within a 2.5-mile radius. Participants had to utilize gathered intelligence to develop a search strategy and conduct searches with multi-



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disciplinary teams. The exercise also included a hostage scenario at a local manufacturing company that culminated with a raid by the FBI's Special Response Unit.

Exercise players included the Kentucky State Police, Louisville Metro Police Department, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, FBI, Joint Emergency Services Unit, Kentucky Radiation Health, Metro Safe, and the Kentucky National Guard 41st Civil Support Team.

Exercise support was provided by the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation



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Program, Kentucky Fire Commission, KOHS, FBI, and DNDO.

“This exercise was unique, not only for its size, but that it brought together many different agencies with varying degrees of skills and capabilities related to PRND,” said **Gene Kiser**, KOHS executive director. “Competencies were validated and lessons were learned that will enable us to grow and mature the program.”



Tom Arnold/KOHS

Twenty-five fire officials attended a class on information sharing at the Bryant Stiles Officers School on Feb. 23 in Lexington. The presentation was given by NIMS Compliance and Training Program Coordinator Tom Arnold and Intelligence Analyst Lindsey Hix of the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security and U.S. Department of Homeland Security representatives.

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ter relief, Christian Appalachian Project

- **John Heltzel**, director, Kentucky Division of Emergency Management
- **James Garrow**, operations and logistics manager, Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness, Philadelphia Department of Public Health
- **Karin Ford**, disability consultant,

Iowa Department of Public Health

- **Sabrina Edgington**, program and policy specialist, National Healthcare for the Homeless Council
- **Pam Rogers**, Kentucky state director, American Humane Society
- **Aaron Horner**, deputy executive director, Kentucky Office of Homeland Security
- **Rebecca Gillis**, Kentucky Depart-

ment of Public Health

- **Pat Seybold**, Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities
- **Brian Lake**, executive director, enableUS

For more information about the conference and registration, visit www.homelandsecurity.gov.